

REMARKS

Claims 1-19, 21 and 22 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the title is amended, claims 19 and 22 are amended and claim 20 is canceled. Support for amended claim 19 may be found in the original specification at, for example, original claim 20. Support for amended claim 22 may be found in the original specification at, for example, original claim 1. No new matter is added.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Rider in the January 26, 2008 interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 because the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance (for the reasons discussed herein); (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration (as the amendments merely incorporate allowable subject matter); (c) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; (d) do not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims; and (e) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

Reconsideration of the Application is respectfully requested.

Objection to the Specification

The Patent Office alleges that the title of the application is non-descriptive.

The title of the application is amended to recite "Semantic Stenography Using Short Note Input Data" as suggested by the Examiner.

As such, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 19 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,873,107 ("Borovoy").

In light of the amended claims, the above rejection is moot.

In particular, claim 19 is amended to include a computer readable program code for causing a computer to use semantic grammar to generate semantic structure, a computer readable program code for producing with a first realization grammar a plurality of local text realizations from the semantic structure, a computer readable program code for matching the input data with ones of the plurality of local text realizations to define a final semantic structure, and a computer readable program code for producing with a second realization grammar a global text realization from the final semantic structure, which, as acknowledged by the Patent Office, is neither taught nor suggested by Borovoy.

Further, claim 22 is amended to include means for using semantic grammar to generate semantic structure, means for producing with a first realization grammar a plurality of local text realizations from the semantic structure, means for matching the short note input data with ones of the plurality of local text realizations to define a final semantic structure, and means for producing with a second realization grammar the global text realization from the final semantic structure, which, as acknowledged by the Patent Office, is neither taught nor suggested by Borovoy.

Accordingly, independent claims 19 and 22 are patentable over Borovoy. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-19, 21 and 22 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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